

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0009] as follows:

[0009] Other embodiments of the present invention provide methods of creating a stable slurry of coated particulates wherein the slurry is capable of being stored for at least 2 hours before use comprising the steps of: providing tackifier ~~tackifier~~ coated particulates; and, substantially suspending the tackifier ~~tackifier~~ coated particulates in a servicing fluid to create a tackifier ~~tackifier~~ coated particulate slurry.

Please amend paragraph [00012] as follows:

[0012] Some embodiments of the present invention describe methods of creating stable slurries of coated particulates comprising the steps of coating particulates with a resin or a tackifying compound and then substantially suspending the coated particulates in a servicing fluid to create a coated particulate slurry. Resins suitable for use in the present invention include those resins that do not fully cure until they are exposed to either temperatures above about 175°F or an external catalyst. Tackifiers ~~Tackifiers~~ suitable for use in the present invention may be either used such that they form a non-hardening coating or they may be combined with a multifunctional material capable of reacting with the tackifying compound to form a hardened coating. The coated particulate slurries of the present invention are stable enough that they may be formed and used some time later. That is, the slurried particulates are retained in the fluidized state without significant settling during the period of time between when the slurry is made and when it is use in a subterranean operation.

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

~~The present invention involves coated proppant slurries and using such slurries in subterranean applications such as production enhancement and sand control. More particularly, the present invention relates to stable resin-coated proppant suspensions that need not be immediately used once they are formed. Some embodiments of the present invention provide m~~
Methods of creating a stable slurry of coated particulates wherein the slurry is capable of being stored for at least 2 hours before use comprising the steps of: providing resin coated particulates wherein the resin comprises a resin that does not completely cure unless it is at least one of exposed to a temperature above about 175°F or exposed to an external catalyst; and, substantially suspending the resin coated particulates in a servicing fluid to create a stable resin coated

particulate slurry. ~~Other embodiments of the present invention provide m~~Methods of creating a stable slurry of coated particulates wherein the slurry is capable of being stored for at least 2 hours before use comprising the steps of: providing tackifier ~~tackifier~~ coated particulates; and, substantially suspending the tackifier ~~tackifier~~ coated particulates in a servicing fluid to create a tackifier ~~tackifier~~ coated particulate slurry.